

The Thirteen Towns.

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As will be seen by the election notice published in this issue, the question of "license, or no license," will be voted upon at the local elections now close at hand. It has been many years since Fosston went "dry," but from all appearances a stronger and more likely fight will be put up this year for "no license" than ever before. Strange to say, even threats are being made to business men, by certain parties opposed to licensing the saloons, to induce them to vote against their judgment in this matter.

A previous experience of one year without license here, and the result of the same condition in other towns and villages of the state has proven that as long as the sale of intoxicating beverages is allowed in the state at large, local option will prove a failure. In the place of licensed saloons, conducted under state laws, these towns and villages have been overrun with the notorious "blind pigs," for the control of which there are no laws except those which impose fines and prison punishment upon those who run them. It has been shown times without number that it is as easy to pay an occasional fine, or easier, than to pay a high license. Therefore, when saloons go out "blind pigs" come in. There is no use of saying that the latter can be kept out, unless the entire community are as a unit against them. Even then it is very difficult to get men to go ahead and do the informing and give the evidence necessary to convict the wrongdoers. Time and again it has been found that these illegal "sightless swine" and "temperance" saloons have done much greater harm to the community than the licensed saloon. They are open at any time. They do not keep out minors or habitual drunkards, nor do they observe the other provisions of the laws made to govern the liquor traffic. Yet there are few who have the temerity to sacrifice their time and business interests in order to endeavor to stamp out the evil. This is a painful but cogent fact and it is well to weigh the matter carefully before voting for such a change.

And while the financial side of the question should be a secondary consideration, it is yet worthy of attention. If "no license" carries, the village will be required to refund \$1,650 to saloon keepers whose licenses have not expired. As can be seen by the annual financial statement in this issue, at the present time only \$661 lies in the treasury, most of which will be needed to pay the bills presented at the next meeting of the village council. Besides our heavy bonded indebtedness, \$3,338.25 in outstanding orders remain unpaid, and as the treasury will be practically empty at election time, the \$1,650 refund added to the outstanding orders will put the village treasury very close to \$5,000 overdrawn, without a cent provided for the running expenses of the municipality for the coming year.

These are simply plain facts and are left to the taxpaying voters for consideration without further comment.

Hugh Thompson, of East Grand Forks, is in the field for election as one of the state railroad and warehouse commissioners, who will be elected and not appointed next fall under the new law. Mr. Thompson is a man thoroughly familiar with the requirements of this portion of the state as regards the railroad and warehouse patrons, is an able business man and if elected could and would accomplish as much and more for the public good than any other man that can be elected to that important commission from this portion of the state. Hugh Thompson has acquitted himself with honor in every public office he has ever held, and now, when it is known that he will be a candidate, the papers of the Northwest have naught but good words for him, no matter what their political persuasion might be.

P. M. Mark guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will fund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. (T28)

Frest Bites and Chilblains
quickly cured by BANNER SALVE, the most healing remedy in the world.—Ed. Ruud.

Senator J. J. Ryder issued the first number of the Saturday Valley View at East Grand Forks last Saturday and it is a very creditable commencement, full of spice and energy and most tastefully arranged and printed. It will be the leading republican paper in western Polk and if continued in the same excellent style shown in its inception will be a credit to the "profesh." Here's wishing the Senator all success in his new journalistic venture.

TECKLA SIFTINGS.

Mr. Heath, representing Farewell, Osburn, Kirk & Co., transacted business here accompanied by J. Halvorson, of Fosston.

Mr. Thronson, of Fosston, was here buying cattle and called on the correspondent.

Christ Hagen spent a short time at this point. Mr. Hagen is an old hunter and had many stories to tell.

L. C. Quam reports that he will have his mill running about March 1st.

Two gentlemen would like to move south and no doubt they will sell their property.

Owing to the advanced method of having a stove in his chicken coop, A. Johnson receives twenty-five eggs from fifteen chickens every day.

There is power in the word "independence," which can be understood when people can spend two years in a left logging camp without having any claim there.

Ole Strandley returned from the logging camp today. He looks just as bright now as he did when he lost his lumber.

E. Gunelius steamed up his engine bright and early this morning. That big engine, with the help of a first-class saw, will soon convert the logs into lumber. The log owners will do the rest.

O. B. Anderson went to Fosston and returned the same day bringing with him his 56-inch saw. They mean business up here and there is no time for delay.

WILDWOOD SHAVINGS.

Wildwood, Feb. 28.—Messrs. Alton and Quam, of Wanke, are busy getting out logs at Monsrud's.

Some of our young folks went out to Gunderson's, in Eden, last Saturday night to attend a dance and report a good time.

Thomas Skime returned from the woods last week.

Nels Fredensberg has commenced to deal in cordwood. That must be a sure sign of a railroad in the near future.

August Dahl is hauling logs to Gonwick & Monsrud's mill.

A. Kell, of McIntosh, is hauling lumber through here from King's mill and is going to have it planed here on his way through.

Halvor Halvorson, of Wanke, is hauling logs for Martin Gonwick.

Andrew Soderland is hauling logs for P. A. Monsrud.

Chas. Gustafson is hauling lumber to McIntosh although the roads are bad.

Martin Lee, of Fosston, has commenced work for Gonwick & Monsrud.

Gust Asleson is hauling logs for his brother, Olaus.

Services were held last Sunday at J. Holte's by Rev. Thorsen, of Bagley. Yon Yonson.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION.

The citizens of the Village of Fosston, in the county of Polk and State of Minnesota, who are qualified to vote at general elections, are hereby notified that the Annual Election for said Village will be held at the Village Hall in said Village, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1900, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, for the following purposes:

To elect President of the Village Council, Three (3) Trustees, Recorder, Treasurer, Two (2) Justices of the Peace, One (1) Constable, One (1) Assessor, "In Favor of License" or "Against License" to sell liquor in the Village of Fosston, Polk County, Minnesota, and to do any other business proper to be done at said election when convened. Dated at Fosston, Minn., this 1st day of March, 1900.

W. E. BLACK, Recorder.

No Right to Ugliness.

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Life.
Man builds tall castles! storms sweep by
And blot their towers from the sky;
He digs deep cellars, bound to win;
But, while he triumphs, they cave in!
—Puck.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured of her Deafness and Noises in the Head by Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Ear Drums, gave \$10,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people unable to procure the Ear Drums may have them free. Address No. 5221, The Nicholson Institute, 780, Eighth Avenue, New York.

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